

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): We have had some statements saying that the people were willing to surrender the land; but the fact whether they own these lands is being verified through the Land Revenue Department.

Road from the M. C. Road to the Vamanapuram District Dispensary.

457. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the branch road that leads from the M. C. Road to the District Dispensary at Vamanapuram is maintained by the P. W. D;

(b) how long it is since it is not maintained;

(c) what is the length of the road; and

(d) what would be the approximate cost for its maintenance?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (a) This road is not now maintained by the P. W. D.

(b) It is not maintained since the camp-shed at Vamanapuram was handed over to the Medical Department to be used as the Dispensary.

(c) About 1,200 feet.

(d) The cost would approximately be Rs. 30.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from Government whether the branch road also was handed over to the Medical Department when the camp-shed was handed over to them?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether there was a maintenance allotment for that branch road before it was handed over to the Medical Department?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the amount of such maintenance grant?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why that road is not being maintained at present?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is being maintained by the Medical Department.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Do the Government know that the road is being maintained by the Medical Department?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

P. W. D. toll-gate at Venjaramood.

458. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the P. W. D. toll-gate at Venjaramood is a sub-gate;

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(b) where the main gate of the above sub-gate is located ;
 (c) the distance between the main and the sub-gate ;
 (d) whether there were complaints that the above sub-gate be shifted to a distance of about 3 miles north in the M. C. Road so that it might be located beyond the jurisdiction of the Nedumangad taluk ;
 and

(e) whether they are aware that, as matters stand now, the people of Nedumangad taluk, who own vehicles, are compelled to pay two separate P. W. D. toll-gate fees at a distance of about 9 miles ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) :

(a) Yes.

(b) Ayoor, near the 35th mile stone, M. C. Road.

(c) 18 miles.

(d) Yes.

(e) Not except when the vehicle passes through both the routes, which are in different directions and which are 9 miles apart, which seldom happens.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Are the Government aware that, just in front of the Venjaramood sub-gate, there is a public market ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I accept the information, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Are they aware that there is also a V. M. School in front of the Venjaramood sub-gate ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I accept that information too, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether there are two *Pakuthi Cutcherries* very near to the sub-gate ?

PRESIDENT : Put all these in one question.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I accept that information also, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : In view of the existence of a Public market, a V. M. School and two *Pakuthi Cutcherries*, near the sub-gate, does it not cause real hardship to the people there ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether, on account of the presence of the sub-gate as well as of the market, the people are not being indirectly compelled to pay two tolls in the same place ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : If they go through both the gates, they have to pay a fee at each gate; one is for road toll and the other is a market fee.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Have they not got to pay toll at the Venjaramood sub-gate as well as at the market gate ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): They are the two gates I am referring to; one is a P. W. D. road gate; the other is not.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is any harm in shifting the Venjaramood sub-gate?

PRESIDENT: I do not allow that question.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know how long that sub-gate has been at Venjaramood?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Two years.

I may say, Sir, that this question has been repeatedly asked year after year.

PRESIDENT: Have the answers type-written, and delivered to the member.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I am compelled to put this question year after year simply because the people of the locality are undergoing serious difficulties on account of this toll gate. If only the authorities will see that the toll gate is shifted from there, I will not have to put these questions any more.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I may say, Sir, that one living within a radius of three miles from the toll gate need pay only a very small amount if he takes out an annual pass by paying a compounding fee. There is not much hardship caused, as the honourable member states.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether that concession is given to owners of motor vehicles also?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether there is any definite rule regarding the location of toll gates?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No. We put them in accordance with the amount of traffic along the road.

Malaria Relief Works in the Nedumangad taluk.

459 ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): With reference to the answer given on the 19th November 1935 in the Seventh Session of the Assembly, to question No. 131, *re* malaria relief works, will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) who suggested the relief works;

(b) who suggested that no relief work was needed in the Nedumangad taluk;

(c) whether they are aware that many of the Medical Officers, important officials in the P. W. D. and other important officials in the State either belong to Neyyattinkara or have marital connections in Neyyattinkara taluk;